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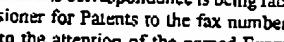
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Applicant files this Response to the Final Office Action dated October 27, 2003 having a three month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 27, 2004. Please consider any amendments and the remarks on the pages that follow.